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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 386

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Upon the occasion of the death of our Queen,
Elizabeth the Second, we offer her immediate family,
and her wider family of nations,
our deepest sympathies.
Thank you, Ma'am, for your life of Christian service.



Dear Parents and Friends,

WELCOME / WELCOME BACK!

The school continues to plan for a full year of exciting opportunities and this newsletter is the best way to stay informed. On joining, parents agree to our holding your email address for this purpose. Newsletters are also shared on Class Dojo (please sign up to Dojo, new parents and carers – it's great for the odd message or last minute changes to plans) and the newsletter is also downloadable from the school website – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/newletters/>

Did you know, you can also ask that others (e.g. grandparents) can also be added to the newsletter email distribution lists? We work really hard to make sure that names and photos of children do not appear together in the newsletter. Perhaps you missed Newsletter 385, which was only distributed electronically (385 newsletters since I started here), it came out on the last day of term! If you did, please check it out since it was packed with updates. I intend to continue newsletters weekly until Christmas.

All messages concerning illness, absence, holidays etc must go to the admin office, either by email (preferred) or by phone. Details above. Any change in your pickup arrangements need to go via the office (for example, a friend is picking up or a child has a 'play—date'). Sadly,

we can't just take someone's word for it. In this way we all stay safe.

IT HAS BEEN A JOY to see so many happy smiling faces in school. Everyone seems settled and It sounds like you all had a wonderful summer. If 'new' parents could introduce themselves at the gate, it speeds up the proses of getting to know you (and sending your children home with the right adult!)

NUT FREE

I would like to remind parents that we are 'nut free'. Please comply with this since this is a critical issue for a few of our children currently at school.

WELCOME TO ...

Miss Erin Robinson, who takes over teaching duties with Class 2 (Years 1 & 2), and also to Mrs Hayley Buckley who has extended her hours here to commence Teaching Assistant work, also with Class 2.

RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

As Moses approached the presence of God in the burning bush, God said to him: "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

This scene captures something of the essence of 'reverence' and 'respect'. Respect for God extends to respect for all creation, including all people, animals and our environment. In school children and adults are expected to show respect for each other, their belongings and their environment. Reverence takes this response a step further and will include aspects of worship such as awe and wonder, surrender and sacrifice. We should reflect on the following questions: How are pupils given the opportunity in school to experience feelings of awe, wonder and mystery? Are there places and objects around the school that are considered 'holy or sacred', which help children reflect and wonder at the nature of God? What special words, sacramental actions or religious symbols are used to challenge and inform children's understanding of God? How do children show their respect for each other and adults in the school community? How are children encouraged to value and respect their own and other people's belongings? How do policies and practices in the school engender respect for all members of the school community?

UNIFORM MATTERS

The children returned to school looking smart and ready for learning. Please remember we have a uniform policy <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/> and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit.

WINDOWS UPDATE!

Despite everyone's best efforts, a hold up in the supply of aluminium prevented the replacement of our windows and doors. We have high hopes that these issues will be resolved shortly and that the work will take place over weekends and half term.

HEALTH MATTERS

Are your epi-pens and asthma inhalers within date? Please check.



WHAT'S THE CRIME, MR WOLF?

A final edit of the video of the performance, combining feed from 3 cameras, is now available online. For best results download the video first. [CLICK HERE](#)

If you've been collecting 'the set' as DVDs, the DVD box cover is also available here –

[CLICK HERE](#) . I've made no charge this year, but anyone wanting to make a donation towards a

revitalising our library (non-fiction books or money for shelving) please contact the school office. Our usual restrictions on the sharing of the content on Social Media apply – please don't!

LONG TERM PLAN

The school's Long-Term Plan sets out how we sequence the required elements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, the National Curriculum and the Local Syllabus for R.E. over the 7-year period that is primary school. Our latest version has seen some changes and can be found on our 'Curriculum Design' page online.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/curriculum-design/>

In due course we will have lead topic plans available, in addition to the existing guides for parents, advice on national tests and homework expectations for your child's new Year Group, which can be found here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-curriculum/>

NIBLEY GREEN

Our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home.

Discuss these with your children too!

The drought may be over – for now – but many of us, I suspect, made use of 'grey water' over the summer. Greywater is gently used water from your bathroom sinks, showers, tubs, and washing machines. It is not water that has come from the toilet or from washing nappies!

Greywater may contain traces of dirt, food, grease, hair, and certain household cleaning products. While greywater may look "dirty," it is a safe and even beneficial source of irrigation water in a yard. Keep in mind that if greywater is released into rivers, lakes, or estuaries, its nutrients become pollutants, but to plants, they are valuable fertilizer. You can read more here -

<https://greywateraction.org/greywater-reuse/>

Send me your tips for this regular item - newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

SUPERSTARS – STAFFING

It's great to hear that Superstars – an external company running our wrap-around care – has appointed Dee to secure its services. Please support this when you can.

DIARY DATES

Some key dates for your diaries –

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 13th

Meet The Teacher events. These meetings have proved helpful, according to parents, and set the scene for the year ahead. Expectations, routines, timetables and other helpful 'nuggets'.

Class 2 – 5:30 p.m.

Class 3 – 6:00 p.m.

Class 4 – 6:30 p.m.

(Class 1 will meet on Wednesday 14th at 6:00 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY 14th – South Cerney water sports day for Year 6

FRIDAY 16th The 'previous' Year 6 parents host their rescheduled BBQ from July. Please support this.

WEDS 21st - FONNS meeting 7:30 @ school. All welcome.

OCTOBER

MONDAY 10th – Parent's Evening – details to follow

TUESDAY 11th – Parent's Evening – details to follow

TUESDAY 11th – Harvest at St. Martin's Church. First thing or last, pending confirmation. All welcome.

WEDS 12th - FONNS AGM – a big turn out please! 7:30.

MONDAY 31st – Staff-Only (INSET) day at school. Enjoy your extended half-term!

DECEMBER

TUESDAY 6th - Year 7 'FEEDBACK' (Mince pies and catchup) after school.

FRIDAY 9th – PANTO! (Thank you FONNS!)

MONDAY 12th – Carols in the Church. Evening, start TBC.

FRIDAY 16th - LAST DAY OF TERM.

You can find DRAFT DATES for 2023 – 24, and 2024 – 25 here <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 1	Tues 6 th Sept	Fri 21 st Oct
Term 2	Tues 1 st Nov	Fri 16 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 4 th Jan 2023	Fri 17 th Feb 2023
Term 4	Mon 27 th Feb	Fri 31 st March
Term 5	Mon 17 th April	Fri 26 th May
Term 6	Mon 5 th June	Friday 21 st July



FONNS RECIPE BOOK

FONNS have a sample of the fund-raising recipe book available in the office. Do take a look.

SEE DATES ABOVE FOR FONNS MEETINGS.